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SUBJECT: NEW WEST GERMAN CONSUL GENERAL IN ALEXANDRIA

REF: ALEXANDRIA 402

1. MANFRED GUNTHER IS WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO THIS EMBASSY. BORN IN GWOEUN HE IS A LAWYER BY TRAINING. HE ENTERED FRG DIPLOMATIC SERVICE IN 1967 FOLLOWED BY EIGHTEEN-MONTH TRAINING PERIOD, INCLUDING EIGHT-MONTH STINT AT FRG CONSULATE IN EDINBURGH. HE WAS THEN ASSIGNED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY IN BONN FOR SIX YEARS - TWO AND A HALF IN LOGAL AFFAIRS, ONE AND A HALF IN CULTURAL AFFAIRS, AND THREE IN COMMON MARKET ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. HE ARRIVED IN BUCHAREST IN AUGUST 1974, WHERE HE HAS SERVED AS THIRD-RANKING OFFICER IN A RELATIVELY LARGE EMBASSY. IN ADDITION TO SERVING AS HEAD OF CONSULAR SECTION, A SENSITIVE POSITION IN A COUNTRY WITH SOME 400,000 ETHNIC GERMANS, HE ALSO HAS SOME POLITICAL REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES. BESIDES HIS NATIVE GERMAN, HE SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH, FRENCH AND SOME ROMANIAN. HE SPEAKS NO ARABIC AND HAS NEVER BEFORE BEEN INVOLVED IN MIDDLE EASTERN AFFAIRS. HIS WIFE, BORN IN 1938, IS NAMED SILVIA IRENE, SPEAKS ENGLISH AND IS A DELIGHTFUL PERSON AND HOSTESS. THE COUPLE
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HAVE A FOUR-YEAR OLD DAUGHTER.

2. WE HAVE FOUND GUNTHER WELL-INFORMED AND EXTREMELY FELPFUL ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS, PARTICULARLY THE POLITICALLY DELICATE QUESTION HERE OF EMIGRATION OF ETHNIC GERMANS FROM ROMANIA TO FRG. ALTHOUGH INITIALLY HE MAY APPEAR SOMEWHAT ALOOF, HE IS A CULTURED AND

CHARMING PERSON WHO PROJECTS AN AIR OF QUIET SELF-CONFIDENCE AND COMPETENCE. HE HAD A WIDE RANGE OF ROMANIAN AND DIPLOMATIC FRIENDS IN BUCHAREST. WE WILL MISS HIM AND WE RECOMMEND HIM HIGHLY.

3. RE PARA 3 REFTTEL, GUNTHER SAYS HIS ETA IS MORE LIKELY TO BE LATE JULY OR EARLY AUGUST. HE LOOKS FORWARD TO MEETING AND WORKING WITH OFFICERS IN OUR CONSULATE. BARNES

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